

Patent claims.

1. A method for the production of a lysate  
used for cell-free protein biosynthesis, com-  
prising the following steps:

a) a genomic sequence in an organism, which  
codes for an essential translation product that  
reduces the yield of cell-free protein biosyn-  
thesis, is replaced by a foreign DNA located  
under a suitable regulatory element, said  
foreign DNA coding for the essential translation  
product that additionally contains a marker  
sequence;

b) the transformed organism according to step  
a) is cultivated;

c) the organisms from the culture obtained in  
step b) are lysed; and

d) the essential translation product is  
separated from the lysate obtained in step c) by  
means of a separation process that is selective  
for the marker sequence.

2. A method according to claim 1, character-  
ized by that the essential translation product  
is selected from the group consisting of "termi-  
nation factors or proteins interacting with ter-  
mination factors - in particular RF1, RF2, RF3,

5 eRF, L11 or HemK -, initiation factors or proteins interacting with initiation factors, elongation factors or proteins interacting with elongation factors, aminoacyl tRNA synthetases -  
in particular cysteinyl tRNA or tryptophanyl tRNA synthetase -, enzymes of the amino acid me-  
tabolism - in particular amino acid trans-  
ferases, isomerases, synthetases -, phosphata-  
ses, nucleases, proteases, kinases, racemases,  
10 isomerases, polymerases and combinations of the above substances".

3. A method according to one of claims 1 or 2, characterized by that the marker sequence is selected from the group "streptag II, polyhis-  
15 tidine, FLAG, polyarginine, polyaspartate, polyglutamine, polyphenylalanine, polycysteine, Myc, glutathione S-transferase, protein A, maltose-binding protein, galactose-binding protein, chloramphenicol acetyl transferase, protein G,  
20 calmodulin, calmodulin-binding peptide, HAT (= natural histidine affinity tag), SBP (= streptavidin-binding peptide), chitin-binding domain, thioredoxin,  $\beta$ -galactosidase, S-peptide (residues 1-20 of the Rnase A), avidin, streptavidin,  
25 streptag-I, dihydrofolate reductase, lac repressor, cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransferase, cellulose-binding domain, btag, nanotag".

4. A method according to one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the marker sequence and the chromosomal gene are expressed as a fusion protein, and  
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wherein the translated marker sequence does not affect the activity of the essential translation product in the organism.

5           5. A method according to one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the separation step is an affinity chromatography or an antibody assay.

10           6. A method according to one of claims 1 to 5, characterized by that the organism is a prokaryote or an eukaryote, in particular selected from the group comprising "enterobacteriales (e.g. escherichia spec., E. coli), lactobacillales (e.g. lactococcus spec., streptococcus spec.), actinomycetales (e.g. streptomyces spec., corynebacterium spec.), pseudomonas spec., caulobacter spec., clostridium spec., bacillus spec., thermotoga spec., micrococcus spec., thermus spec.".

20           7. A lysate for the cell-free protein biosynthesis obtainable by a method according to one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the lysate has a reduced activity of an essential translation product.

25           8. A lysate for the cell-free protein biosynthesis according to claim 7, wherein the lysate has a reduced activity of one or several essential translation products selected from the

group "termination factors or proteins interacting with termination factors - in particular RF1, RF2, RF3, eRF, L11 or HemK -, initiation factors or proteins interacting with initiation factors, elongation factors or proteins interacting with elongation factors, aminoacyl tRNA synthetases - in particular cysteinyl tRNA or tryptophanyl tRNA synthetase -, enzymes of the amino acid metabolism - in particular amino acid transferases, isomerases, synthetases -, phosphatases, nucleases, proteases, kinases, racemases, isomerases, polymerases and combinations of the above substances".

9. The use of a lysate according to claim 7 or 8 for the cell-free protein biosynthesis.

10. The use according to claim 9, wherein by means of amber suppressor tRNA's natural and/or non-natural amino acids, in particular biotinyl-lysine, fluorescent amino acids and/or phenylalanine, are incorporated.

11. An isolated microorganism or an isolated cell, wherein a genomic sequence, which codes for an essential translation product that reduces the yield of cell-free protein biosynthesis is replaced by a foreign DNA located under a suitable regulatory element, said foreign DNA coding for the essential translation product that additionally contains a marker sequence.

12. A microorganism, as deposited under DSM  
15756.

Legend of the figures.

Fig. 1

Termination

Suppression

Termination product

5      Suppression product

Fig. 2

Coomassie staining

PhosphoImage

10      Fig. 3

(PhosphoImage)

Sup (full length FABP)

Term

tRNA selection rate

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Fig. 4

A (PhosphoImage)

Suppression product

Termination product

B Protein synthesis

E-PCR product

[arbitrary units]

5 C tRNA selection rate

Synthesis at

termination factor

[arbitrary units]

Fig. 5

10 A + 400 mM NaCl (as preincubation)

without NaCl

Lysate - Run 1 - Run 2 - Run 3 - Wash fr. 1 - Wash fr. 2  
- Wash fr. 3 - Wash fr. 4 - Wash fr. 5

B

15 Lysate - Run 1 - Run 2 - Run 3 - Wash fr. 1 - Wash fr. 2  
- Wash fr. 3 - Wash fr. 4 - Wash fr. 5 - Elution fr. 1 -  
Elution fr. 2 - Elution fr. 3 - Elution fr. 4 - Elu-  
tion fr. 5 - Elution fr. 6

C1

Lysate - Run 1 - Run 2 - Run 3 - Wash fr. 1 - Wash fr. 2  
- Wash fr. 3 - Wash fr. 4 - Wash fr. 5

C2

Lysate - Run 1 - Run 2 - Run 3 - Wash fr. 1 - Wash fr. 2

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Fig. 6

New

regulatory elements

Original regulatory elements

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Fig. 7

A) Coomassie stain

B) Western blot

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Fig. 8

Clone a

Clone b



Fig. 9

A    before RF1    after RF1

         separation    separation

                 Suppression product

5                   Termination product

B Suppression product

         [arbitrary units]

C tRNA selection rate

         [molar ratio sup./term.]

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Fig. 10

A    before RF1    after RF1

         separation    separation

                 Suppression product

15                   Termination product

B tRNA selection rate

         [Sup./Term.]

## C Synthesis

[radioactive-marked protein]

Suppression product

Termination product

5            before RF1    after RF1  
             separation    separation  
             Biotinyl tRNA [ $\mu$ M]

Fig. 11

10    A    before RF1    after RF1  
         separation    separation  
         BCCP  
         Biotinylated FABP  
         Biotinyl tRNA [ $\mu$ M]

15    B Suppression product  
         (biotinylated FABP)  
         [luminescence counts]  
         before RF1    after RF1

separation separation

Biotinyl tRNA

Fig. 12

5                      Suppression product

Termination product

Time [min]